

DOWN THE MESA TO SCHOOL

Curious Sight Presented by the Children of the Moqui Indian Tribe.

If we stood about seven o'clock in the morning near the foot of the Oraibi mesa in Arizona we should see a most interesting sight, relates a writer in the New York Sun.

The flat-topped elevations called mesas are very common features of the arid plains of Arizona. Some of them have for ages been the homes of Indian tribes whose enemies could not easily reach the tops of these big rocks, and so those who lived on them were comparatively safe.

This particular mesa is the home of the Oraibi branch of the Moqui tribe. Perched high in the air on their little plateau, the elders still practice the snake dance and other famous rites of their fathers.

Only a few years ago they were called hostile because they opposed more strenuously than the other Moquis the introduction of white influences among them. When it was proposed to erect a schoolhouse near the base of the mesa, and to place all the children in the school, the parents stubbornly refusing to permit it. They yielded finally, however, to firm pressure, and every child of school age was placed in the school.

The enterprise has been a great success, and whoever stands near the school at seven o'clock in the morning and looks up at the plateau 500 feet above him suddenly sees children begin to spill over the edge of the mesa. One child comes into view behind another, and soon the face of the great rock is alive with them as they descend the steep zigzag path leading to the bottom of the mesa and the school.

The sight interests visitors because it is so unusual. The little folk seem to be hanging to the wall of the mighty rock as they slowly descend its face.

They keep pouring over the edge and the head of the line has reached the school on the plain below before the last of it leaves the top of the mesa. When the straggling line comes fully into view it is seen to be nearly half a mile long, and its convolutions on the path bear some resemblance to the movements of a snake.

There are 175 children in this school, and in attendance it is said to head the list of Indian day schools in the country. A fine new building costing over \$3,000 has taken the place of the first school, and it is said that after once being placed there, wearing the new clothes provided for every pupil, they never miss a day.

Largest Stone Arch Bridge.

In spite of mammoth steel arch, girder and cantilever bridges, the stone arch bridge is still employed under certain conditions, and the largest structure of this kind in the world is now in course of erection at Plauen, Saxony. This bridge will have a span of 295 feet, exceeding by 20 feet the famous Luxembourg bridge, opened last year, and by still more the Morbegno bridge in Lombardy and the Cabin John bridge, near Washington, D. C., which have held in turn the record as the longest stone arch bridges. The Plauen bridge differs from the Luxembourg bridge in being of masonry throughout, instead of consisting of two parallel arches connected by iron and concrete. Its cost is estimated at about \$420,000. Chicago Chronicle.

Plymouth Landmarks.

The landmarks, which draw an ever-lengthening procession of visitors to Plymouth, are all within the compass of an hour's ramble. North street, running parallel with Leyden, leads to Plymouth rock, formerly on the water's edge, but now several rods from the shore, and shielded by a granite canopy. Close by are Pilgrim wharf and Cole's hill, where the first houses of the colonists were set up, and where were buried those who died in the first disastrous winter, the ground above their graves being plowed and sown by the survivors, in order to conceal from the Indians the large number who had fallen.—Criterion.

Getting Strict.

Custom officials in Switzerland will in future examine passengers' luggage in the trains.—N. Y. Sun.

FIVE HUNDRED GOLD BRICKS

That Number Sent in One Shipment of Bullion from New York to Philadelphia.

Five hundred gold bricks—not the kind so dear to the heart of the investing agriculturist, but the sort Uncle Sam deals in—were loaded into the treasure wagons of the United States Express Co. at the assay office one morning, recently, driven rapidly to the Liberty street ferry and so transported to the mint at Philadelphia, where they are to be converted into gold coin. The total weight of the gold was in the neighborhood of 14,000 or 15,000 pounds—seven or seven and a half tons. Its value was about 4,000,000, says the New York Sun.

"This is part of a shipment of \$10,000,000 worth of gold in bars from this office to the mint in Philadelphia within the past four or five days," said Superintendent Mason, of the assay office. "We send no guards with the treasure. This is a matter for the express company. We have a contract with them to carry our coin and precious metals and they take all the responsibility from the time the consignment leaves the door of the assay office until it is delivered within the doors of the mint. The gold bars are packed in boxes averaging somewhere in the neighborhood of \$60,000 to a box. Each gold bar weighs from 28 to 30 pounds and is worth in the neighborhood of \$8,000."

In the back room of the assay office were a couple of boxes, on small hand trucks partially filled with the gold bars.

"Be careful of your fingers," said an attendant as a reporter picked up one of the bars and replaced it on end by the side of its mates. "You would be surprised to know how those gold bars will pinch if you give them a chance. Their dead weight is so great in proportion to their size that their edges will cut right into the flesh if you get your fingers in between. We have to be very careful in handling them."

At the United States express office it was said that three armed guards accompanied the precious metal from the time it was received into the express company's wagons until it was delivered into the mint, the guards riding in the wagons and express car all the way.

"We recently carried a lot of gold coin for the government from here to San Francisco," said a clerk in the express office, "and armed guards accompanied the treasure all the way across the continent—not the same guards who started with it from New York, but relays of guards picked up at points on the way. The coin was destined for the Philippines."

Railway Accidents.

Granting that there is a greater mileage of railroad in this country, the proportionate travel is probably greater in England than here. What, then, is the explanation of the fewer fatal accidents, or, rather, the almost total lack of accidents in that country as compared with the frightful mortality on our American roads? The exact solution is probably not easy, but the most natural explanation that will come to mind is that the British roads are better managed and that they are held to a much stricter accountability by the authorities. Another reason also is the total absence of all grade crossings in England and the universal employment of the best of safety devices and signals, the block signal system being practically universal.—N. O. Picayune.

Mysterious Lake in Russia.

A remarkable phenomenon is reported from the Russian rural commune of Schava, in the government of Tzareff Koksaka. Inexplicable sounds were heard for several days issuing from the earth. The sounds varied from something like the booming of cannon to the screeching of steam whistles and seemed to come from a forest skirting the commune. In this forest, where the terrified peasantry gathered in expectation of some calamity, the earth was seen to heave incessantly. Gradually huge cracks appeared, water was seen, at last the earth seemed gradually to sink, water rose, and there appeared a new lake of considerable extent, which is now being examined by geologists.—Detroit Free Press.

BREED COACH HORSES!



The Imported Cerman Coach Stallion FALCON

No. 1875, that we bought of J. Crouch & Son, Lafayette, Ind., will make the season of 1904 at the barn of August Marcks opposite Linwood Lawn, Lexington, Lafayette County, Missouri.

TERMS: \$20 to insure living colt. Will use due precaution, but will not be responsible should any accidents occur.

The Lexington Cerman Coach Horse Co.
AUGUST MARCKS Manager

'04-Frank C. Stewart's Stud-04

The Saddle Stallion, Sir Melrose

Reg. No. 2106, Vol. V. N. S. H. R.

Sir Melrose, black stallion, 15½ hands, foaled May 10th, 1900. Sire, Star Rose 161; grand sire, Montrose (106). Melrose's dam, Lulu May (147) by Chesnut Rose (251); second dam black bell by Black Squirrel (58); third dam by old Green Mountain. Melrose is bred in the purple on both sire and dam sides. Old Montrose 166 and Old Black Squirrel 58, were two of the best saddle stallions the world has ever produced. Melrose was a winner at our great state fair last year and I predict he will be a great show horse in the future. He has as much natural style as anybody's horse. Kind disposition. People that want to raise fancy saddlers, high style, can't miss it by breeding to Melrose.

Terms \$15 for Live Colt

At the same place the Great All Purpose Stallion, MAX O'RELL, Rec bay horse, 16½ hands high, fine neck and tail, and a good horse all round. Sire, Silver Rose 303, by Kentucky Eagle 359, Kentucky Eagle by Black Eagle 64, he by King William 67. Max O'Rell's dam, Bay Annie by Bay Splendor 1784, 2d dam, Old Bird a Morgan Mare. You must see this horse to appreciate him. \$10 FOR LIVE COLT

At the same barn, the two Great Show Jacks, Joe Jiffin and Limestone Louis, will serve mares. Joe Jiffin \$12.50 for live colt, and Limestone Louis will be allowed to serve a few mares at \$10 for live colt. Joe Jiffin and Limestone are both fine bred jacks. Joe Jiffin sired by Black Mammoth, he by Old Superior Mammoth, the great sweepstake jack at the World's Fair. This jack has proven himself a great mule jack and a prize winner at our state fair. I bought Limestone Louis at the great jack sale at Limestone Valley Farm, March 1st, and think he will make a great jack. Sire Limestone Mammoth, one of the greatest show and jennet jacks on earth. Limestone Louis was foaled March 4, 1902. Limestone Louis, dam by Clapp's Jack, Old Chief, one of the best mule jacks in the state.

The above stock will make the season of 1904 at my barn one mile south of Lexington on the Columbus road at the following terms: Money due when colt sucks or mare sold or removed from the neighborhood.

Frank C. Stewart

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J. A. TERHUNE, Owner

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE, ss.

In the Circuit Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, at Lexington, April Term, First Day, April 14th, 1904.

Jesse M. Edwards, Plaintiff,

vs.

Joseph Y. Edwards, Defendant.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorney, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendant is not a resident of the state of Missouri; Whereupon it is ordered by the court that said defendant be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against him in this court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony heretofore contracted between plaintiff and defendant on the grounds that said defendant is absent from the plaintiff without a reasonable cause for the space of one whole year and more next before the filing of this petition; and to secure the care, custody and control of her infant children, William Christopher Edwards and Anna Hazel Edwards, and that unless the said defendant, Joseph Y. Edwards, be and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house, in the city of Lexington, Missouri, on the 1st day of August, 1904, in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published, according to the provisions of the Act in that behalf made, in the Weekly Intelligencer, a newspaper published in said county of Lafayette for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be made not less than fifteen days before the first day of said next August term of this court.

A true copy. Attest:
JAMES F. CHINN, Circuit Clerk.

William Aul, Attorney for Plaintiff.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

In the Probate Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, May Term, Fourth Day, Thursday, May 19th, 1904.

Estate of Washington C. Lillard, deceased.

Now at this day comes Edgar W. Lillard, administrator of the estate of Washington C. Lillard, deceased, and presents his petition, praying for an order for the sale of so much of the real estate of said Washington C. Lillard as will pay and satisfy the remaining debts due by said estate and yet unpaid for want of sufficient assets, accompanied by the accounts, lists and inventories required by law in such cases.

On examination whereof it is ordered that all persons interested in said estate be notified that application as aforesaid has been made, and that unless the contrary be shown on or before the first day of the next term of this court, to be held on Monday in August, 1904, an order will be made for the sale of the whole or so much of the real estate of said Washington C. Lillard, deceased, as will be sufficient for the payment of said debts.

And it is further ordered that all the heirs of said deceased, residents of said Lafayette County, be personally served with notice of these proceedings according to law.

And it is further ordered that this notice be published in the Weekly Intelligencer, a newspaper published in said county, for four weeks successively before the commencement of the next term of this court.

A true copy. Attest:
JAMES F. CHINN, Probate Judge.

BOND CALL

Holders of Washington Township, Lafayette County, Missouri (34) three and one half per cent bonds are hereby notified that bond numbered (1) one, issued August 1st, 1890, by the County Court of said County for and in behalf of said Township, of the denomination of (\$1,000.00) one thousand dollars due August 1st, 1919 (a-29 option) now subject to call, has been declared due and payable on the 1st day of August, 1904, payable at the office of the County Treasurer of Lafayette County, Missouri, at Lexington, Missouri, on which day and date all interest thereon will cease.

By order of the County Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, this 2nd day of May, 1904.

FRANK THORNTON,
Clerk of the County Court of Lafayette County, Missouri.

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